If you can figure out the proper way to send this to the judge in the
civil suit, that's the place for it to go.

It's great, but it does not address the DOJ settlement.

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On Thu, 24 Jan 2002, Phil Barnett wrote:

>
> I feel that the currently proposed settlement is inadequate and an
> embarassment to justice and law abiding taxpayers everywhere.
>
> Ordering Microsoft to buy their way into another monopoly by having
> them donate proprietary operating systems to needy schools is not
> punishment. It is simply telling them that it's ok to monopolize yet
> another venue.
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> Will this billion dollars worth of 'charity' displace real business in
> the commercial operating system world? Will sales that would have gone
> to Microsoft's competitors be lost because school districts around the
> U.S. will be waiting in line for their free handout? Will this billion
> dollar fine actually strengthen Microsoft? I believe it will if it is
> carried out as currently proposed.
>
> If you want to actually punish Microsoft for their illegal activities,
> you should not do it by giving them a new market to take over. Instead,
> you should punish them by strengthening the competition that they have
> illegally gained monopolistic power over and plundered.
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> I propose that any new Microsoft settlement to needy scools include:
>
>   50% of the settlement into computer hardware only.
>
>   20% of the settlement into network infrastructure.
>
>   All computers purchased with this settlement money be installed with
>   non-proprietary Linux Open Source operating systems and software.
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>   30% of the settlement will be used for education of the support
>   personnel and teachers using these new open source operating systems.
>
> Linux is an excellent choice in Open Source operating systems. It is
> stable, capable, powerful, consistant and as easy to administer as any

> operating system that training is available for. There are many good
> mainstream Linux distributions available at low or no cost. Training
> and certification are available and should be encouraged in the support
> and educational infrastructure.
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> Open Source operating systems have the benefit of being upgradable at
> little or no cost for the foreseeable future. If the schools to be
> helped are those with limited budgets, low upgrade costs will be very
> important over the life of the hardware. Also, Linux is more efficient
> with hardware and does not require the rigorous hardware upgrade
> schedule that Microsoft operating system upgrades require. This means
> the hardware purchased with this settlement money will be viable years
> longer with Linux than it would be with Microsoft's proprietary
> operating systems.
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> If the current settlement is carried out, in a few years the schools
> with limited budgets will have obsolete operating system software
> needing to be replaced with billions of dollars of public money.
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> And, to whom will this upgrade money go? Microsoft.
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> That is not punishment. That is opportunity.
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> If you want to punish Microsoft and at the same time remove the
> proprietary handcuffs that Microsoft has put on every Windows user,
> teach our children how to use Linux.
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